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SUBJECT: VISIT OF U. S. MAYORS' DELEGATION TO USSR

REF: MOSCOW 11103

1. DELEGATION SPONSORED BY THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS WILL VISIT USSR BETWEEN NOV 9 AND 20 AT THE INVITATION OF "ASSOCIATION OF SOVIET CITIES". CU/EE HAS PROVIDED A PARTIAL GRANT-IN-AID IN AMOUNT OF \$6,635 TO COVER INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. (GRANT IS BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY.)

2. DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF FOUR MAYORS AND ONE STAFF PERSON FROM CONFERENCE OF MAYORS (COM). THIS IS A RETURN DELEGATION FOR THE FOUR MEMBER SOVDEL WHO VISITED THE U.S. IN JULY OF 1975. HELEN BOOSALIS (MAYOR OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA), JAMES MCGEE (MAYOR OF DAYTON, OHIO) AND WILLIAM MCNICHOLS (MAYOR OF DENVER, COLORADO), DAVID RODGERS (MAYOR OF SPOKANE, WASHINGTON). TOM COCHRAN WILL BE ACCOMPANYING STAFF PERSON FROM COM.

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3. SOVIET HOST ORGANIZATION IS "ASSOCIATION OF SOVIET

CITIES". COM HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY THAT IT WILL RECEIVE A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE SOON.

4. IN A CONVERSATION WITH COM, DEPTOFF HAS LEARNED THAT DELEGATION MEMBERS WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ACCOMPANIED ON APPOINTMENTS BY EMBOFF. DEPT RECOMMENDS EMBASSY PROVIDE AN OFFICER FOR AT LEAST APPOINTMENTS IN MOSCOW. OPPORTUNITY MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL SECTION. IN ADDITION, DEPT SUGGESTS EMBASSY ARRANGE BRIEFING FOR THE DELEGATION IN MOSCOW.

5. DELEGATION INTENDS TO DEPART FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. ON NOV 9 ON PAA 66 TO FRANKFURT. DEL WILL DEPART FRANKFURT NOV 10 ON SU 256 ARRIVING MOSCOW AT 5:55 PM. FOR RETURN, DEL WILL DEPART ON NOVEMBER 20 ON PAA 45 AT 1:35 PM FROM MOSCOW, ARRIVING JFK AT 5:40 PM.

6. DEPT WILL BRIEF DEL ON NOV 9 PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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